DUNCAN ON ANXIOUS SEAT.

Beramble Is Now On Over the Post Office-Breach in the Republican Ranks Is Widening.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 1.-The three Federal offices in Springfield promise no end of trouble to the Republican party in Greene County. When President Roosevelt. ssumed the reins of government all was tranquii and harmonious, but since that time a mighty tempest has been brewing. The announcement that the President would favor a new deal in Missouri apointments precipitated a lively scramble for Akins's indersements among the outs. Kerens had more admirers here than-Akins, but the latter's adherents boldly ennounced that they were in the saddle and subsequent development seem to hear out their claims. Following close upon the appointment of Frank Roberts to be Collector of the Revenue came the appointment of Senator O'Bannon and J. H. Duncan to be Register and Receiver, respectively, of the Land Offices here. O'Bannon was confirmed yesterday, but Dunean's apointment was held up. This caused no great surprise here, as it had been freely predicted if he was appointed charges would be filed against him.

Duncan's Troubles. Duncan was formerly Prosecuting Attorney of this county, and while he held that office engendered a great deal of opposition. One of the chief sources of criticism was failure to secure a conviction in the celebrated Builingame case. He was defeated by A. H. Wear, a Democrat, for re-election, and has not held a county office although he has remained an active factor in politics. He is at present a mem-ber of the Republican Scate Committee, and is a strong friend of Akins. His appointment, it is said, was secured without the formality of filing an application or indorsements at Washington.

The only remaining place here to fight over is that of Postmister, which pays 13.on, on account of his popular adminisof the office, has secured tremendous local backing, but, it is said, he has not the ear of Akinz, and without that ear no man need apply. He is an old soldier. and has the earnest support of the Grand Army, but his opponents claim no power, however great, can prevail agains: the word of Akins. J. B. Ross, a member of the County Central Committee, is his leading opponent. H. R. Snyder, editor of the Republican, who came here from Ohio about year ago, is also an active candidate.

There is no end of dark horses, as the war goes on the breach in the party widens, and Democy the aspirants for county offices see their chances improving.

THE WEATHER.

Indications for States in Middle West and Southwest. Washington, Feb. 1.—Forecast; Illinois, cloudy and coider, Sunday, cold wave. Monday, fair and cold; fresh northerly winds. Arkansas and Oklahoma, fair and colder Sunday, with a cold wave. Monday, fair; northerly uri, fair Sunday and Monday. Colder Sun-east and south portions; northwesterly Canese, South Dakota and Schraska, fair Sun-r and Monday. Warmer Monday; variable

Local Report.
St. Louis, Saturday, Peb 1, 1992.
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Department of Agriculture. Weather Burea stoorological observations received at St. Lo Arrany 1, 1962, at 6:59 p. m. local time and f seventy-fifth metidian time. Observations m the same moment of time at all stations.

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Incorporation of the following

companies filed articles of incorporation

posterday: Silverdale Stock Company; cap
tal 13000, one-half paid. Stockholders: I.

A. May, M. Delehanty and Alfonse Lefkow.

Brooks. Brokerage and Commission Com
pany; capital, 15,000, all paid. Stockholders:

Charles H. Brooks. E. C. Waldon and T. R.

Brooks. St. Louis Coffee and Spice Mills;

capital, \$20,000, all paid. Stockholders:

Louis Christopher. Henry L. Maisch,

Charles J. Bauer, William Wichelman, Sr.;

William Wichelman, Jr., and Frank Masek,

Reischmidt-Haenni Comstruction Company;

capital, \$5,000, all paid. Stockholders: An
thony Reinschmidt, Louis J. Haenni and

Edward A. Steininger.

EATING IN HAVANA.

Yankees Club Together.

In Havana it is the custom to serve only bread and coffee for breakfast. A little colony of Americans that felt they could not do their work until noon on this kind of a diet clubbed together and began importing Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food.

One of them, writing about the matter, says: "The modern cooking range had never been known in Cuba until the American occupation, and even now they are scarce, so that a ready-cooked food like Grape-Nuts recommends itself to start with. Then they fankees were accustomed to the food and felt they could hardly get along without it. They began buying in five-case lots, and one by one the larger grocery stores began keeping Grape-Nuts in stock, so the business spread until now great quantities of Grape-Nuts are used in Cuba, and it is not only used by the Americans, but the other inhabitants as well."

This is an illustration of the way the famous food has pushed itself into all parts of the world. Wherever English-speaking people go they demand Grape-Nuts. They can be found in South Africa. Egypt, India, China, Jajan, Australia and South American.

Many Americans speak of the homelike feeding it gives them to see the numborless busees in the streets of London decorated with great blue signs, with the word "Grape-Nuts" done in yellow letters, and all over England the great purveying shops distribute Grape-Nuts.

English roast beef has largely given way to American roast beef, and the old-fash-loned English breakfast of bacon and potatoes is now suppiemented with Grape-Nuts and creem. The change was made for a reason, it has been discovered that almost magical power rests within the little granules, and this power is set free in the body that makes use of the fameus food.



The Greatest Sale on Record! \$100,000 worth new, clean, up-to-date merc handise to be slaughtered at 1/2 price, 1/4 price, or any price they will bring. Our buyers acknowledge, after inventory of stocks, that they have made great mistakes in buying too many goods, consequently are forced to sacrifice and unload. It will pay you to take advantage of this Great Opportunity. Be on hand early Monday morning and get the cream.

Gigantic Sale of Embroideries and Laces

EMBROIDERIES 5.000 yards of Hamburg and Swiss Embreideries; worth 5c a yard; for Monday, per yard EMBROIDERIES-3,000 places of Hamburg and Nainsook Embroideries, from 1 to 3 inches wide; worth up to 10c a yard; for Monday, 21/20 worth up to 15c a yard; 56 for Monday, per yard. ... 56 LACES - 25 pieces of fine EMBROIDERIES-1,760 pieces of fine Hamburg, Nainsook and Swiss Embroideries and Insertions to match; worth up to 25c a yard; special for Monday, per yard. ... 71/2 6 for Monday, per yard. ... 71/2 6 for ... 56

LACES 500 pieces of Torch and Medici Laces; worth 50 yard: for Menday: 21 LACES-3.60) yards of Medici, Torchen and American Laces; worth 10c a yard; for Monday, per yard... 31/26 for Monday, per yards of fine Valenciennes. Torchon and Medici Laces and Insertions, from 2 to 6 inches wide; worth up to 15e a yard; for Monday, per yard. LACES-1000 yards of fine Valenciennes, Oriental, Tor-chon and American Laces and insertions; worth up to 25c a yard; special for Monday, per yard. 71/2 ft

Monstrous Mistake Sale of

Table Linen, Toweling and Bed Spreads.

1,60 dozen Alleman size. Towels. extra large size, worth 25c; Mistake Sale Price, 15c, 121,27, 16c, 71/2 C 3,400 dozen All-linen Huck BED SPREADS. Eight cases of fine Bed Spreads, Marsellies pattern, extra large, double size; will be offered to-morrow at Mis-take Sale Prices: 69c Bed Spreads for 39c

MONSTROUS TOWEL

\$1.00 Bed Spreads for 59c \$1.25 Bed Spreads for 75c \$1.50 Bed Spreads for 93c 2.00 Bed Spreads for ... \$1.25

TABLE LINEN. From 8 to 19-2,000 yards Blenched and Turkey Red ble Linen, fast color-the TOWELING.

TABLE CLOTHS. 50 dozen 15-8 size Turke Red Fringed Table Clott worth 66c; special for Mon worth the special for day Mistake Sale Price.....

WHITE GOODS. TOWELING.

50 pieces of 18-inch Roller
Toweling, checked and bine
borders — the 61-jc kind—in
Mistake Sale Price
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If you want to buy Books and buy then

Pine cloth-bound book, 12 mo.,

Dryden edition, handy volume, 86 standard 150 titles 150 Worth up to \$1.00, reduced to \$1.38, all reduced to 150 worth up to \$2.00 greater mistake.

Sample Shell Goods.

About 10,000 Pieces Closed Out from 250 On the the Carleton Dry Goods Co. at about

\$1.48

Notion Specials.

CASTILE BOAP Ine imported Italian artile Soap, worth for per pound, while hey last, 9 1/4 per cake. 2 1/2 C CHAMOIS-Nice soft skins, worth Monday while they last while 19 TOOTH POWDER -Dr. Graves' 93 PEARL BUTTONS-S 10-worth 5c lozen-Monday.....

Silk Fringe.

Extraordinary

Goods and Silks, and are forced to make one of the greatest bargain sales in the history of our house. Money-saving people cannot afford to miss this great mistake sale.

MISTAKES! MISTAKES! MISTAKES!

We beg to acknowledge we made a great mistake in buying too much Drezs

SKIRT PATTERN—3-vard Skirt Pattern, of 35-inch pleces black Pierola Cloth havy bine and black in twa different, large, broadcloth; worth 36c a yard, or 52.94 a pattern. These goods are actually worth 36c a yard, or 52.94 a pattern. These goods are actually worth 36c as yard, or 52.94 a pattern. These goods are actually worth 36c as yard-In this mean Mattake Sale Monday, a 3-yard St. 25 gattern for SERGES AND HENRIET Self-broadcord Grante Cloths black, such as sells elsewhere for 36c and black. These goods would be cheap at 36c or and black, such as sells elsewhere for 36c and black These goods would be cheap at 36c or and black, These goods would be cheap at 36c or and black, These goods would be cheap at 36c or and black Flexible Cloth, in every designation of Laurence Silve Piero. Monday at 38c, 100c yards Silve Shoes, in box calf and and threaded Claims and Taffeta; worth up to 60c a yard-distake sold threaded Claims and Taffeta; worth up to 60c a yard-distake sold threaded Claims and Taffeta; worth up to 60c and would be cheap at 36c year of the Monday at 38c. 150c yards and Children's Shirts, stiff bosoms, Madras, Percale, Dimitles, all of the Misses' and Children's Shirts, and Children's Shirts, stiff bosoms, Madras, Percale, Dimitles, all of the Misses' and Children's Shirts, stiff bosoms, Madras, Shoes, in box calf and and threaded Claims and Taffeta; worth up to 60c a yard-distake sold threaded Claims and Sale Price. Monday at 38c. 150c yards and Children's Shirts, made of pure linen Monday at 38c. 150c yards and Children's Shirts, made of pure linen worth up to 60c and worth distake sold threaded Claims and Sale Price. Monday at 38c. 150c yards and Children's Shirts, and Shirts, made of pure linen worth up to 60c and worth distance sold for less than 31.00; in the sale of the sold of the sale of the sold of the sale of the sold of the sale of the s BLACK PIEROLA SATIN
STRIPE POPLINS - 1,669
pieces black Pierola satinstriped Poplins, in large, small and medium designs, These goods never sold for the satin-test than 15c a yard. These goods for Monday in this Great Mistake 356
LININGS - 2,669 yards of Sair for Sairch satin-stripe, site sitched Taffets, corded Satins, Penu de Soles, Lou.

Sair Price. 196
Yards - 3,660
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About 150 Lambrequins, worth up to
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THE BIGGEST BARGAINS EVER HEARD OF IN

Hosiery Mistakes. Children's Heavy Ficece-lined Hose, double heels and toes, seamless and fast black, and worth lie; will go Monday, in all sizes from 5 to 5th.

Ladles' Extra Heavy Fleece-lined Hose, with double sole, extra fine gauge, worth in the regular way, Es; will go Monday, while they last, per pair 18-110 Monday while they last, per pair 18-110 Monday Monday while they last, per pair 18-110 Monday hildren's Coats that were

Boys' Waist Ristake.

Fine flannelette, well made: Mc Flannel Waist re-duced to

Boys' Reefer Mistake.

Lace Curtain 3 and Draparies H'kerchiefs & Meckwear.

the Carleton Dry Goods Co. at about 25C Dollar.

Such as Side Combs, Back Combs, Pompadour, Vassar Neek Combs and many other styles of hair ornaments and hairpins, some with Turquoise and Rhinestone settings and worth from 5c to 50c each. Special tables arranged and divided into lots as follows:

Table 1. Table 2. Table 3. Table 4. Table 5.

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REMNANTS OF TRIMMING BRAIDS

At 10c on the Dollar.

Thousands of yards of fine Trimming Braids, such as plain Mohair, Tubular, Soutache, Fancy Scroll Braids, Persian Bands; in fact, every kind of Braid manufactured in slik mohair, gold and sliver tines, in lengths from 2 to 25 yards, and worth up to 75c yard, will go at 15c, 9c, 5c, 23c and worth up to 100 per yard; will clear them out at.

25c

Also remnants of yokings, all kinds, about 1,000 different styles, on chiffon, silk, taffeta, satin, etc., worth up to 10,00 per yard; will clear them out at.

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Covers 12/50

Action as the combs, Pompadour, Vassar Neek Lextra Special—6,600 parts worth and the parts of Nottlingham In Lace Curtains, wonth 124c parts of Nottlingham In Lace Curtains, wonth 124c parts of Nottlingham In Lace Curtains, wonth 124c parts of Nottlingham In Lace Curtains, worth 124c parts of Nottlingham

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lour Cloak Dep't To-Morrow.

Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, in black and gray; all nicely lined; suits that \$2.98 were \$5.90; Morday DRESS SKIRTS. stitched Skirts, that Tellor stitched Skirts, with flounce, \$1.98 The best tailer-stitched Walking Skirts, mith floutice, that were \$4.00. \$2.98 Monday at A nice Flaunciete Shirt Walst, in all good \$2.98

colors; those that were Do 150 All-wool Shirt Waist, lined throughout; those that were 490 49c ready-to-wear Wrapper, with flounce and an on the shoulders braid trimmed, fast

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Wash Polier..... 39c Hed for.

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A fine #5.60 \$2.48 A fine 25c Dec. 9c A fine \$19.00 \$4.98 M Gold-Stippled 790 Writger for 980 Fire Shovel... family size....... | 18c Coffee Pot... A fire 412 Dec. \$7.50 25c Wall Lamp. 150

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to kill themselves rather than be captured alive, the Biddles well knowing that a return to jail meant death by hanging. Biddle's statement is as follows:

"We remained under cover in a Pittsburg house until Thursday night. I wanted to the woman was nervous and afraid they would be caught. I wouldn't let them go

"When we saw that bunch coming toward "When we saw that bunch coming toward us on the rond yesterday evening we knew it was all up. We did not fire a shot at the officers, but agreed to kill ourselves. I shot myself in the mouth. Ed shot himself over the heart and the woman shot herself in the breast. We knew we had no chance to get away, and we knew we would swing if taken back, and that is why we wanted to bell ourselves.

kill ourselves.
"I never killed a man in my life. I was not at the Kahney house at all. It was Ec who was there. He went with Dorman and a woman who was dressed in man's cloth-ing. There was another man with them, who came from Chicago, but I will not say who he was. He went back to Chicago the next day and has not been seen since." Former Warden Soffel said to-day that he had been under the influence of chloroform during the night when the Biddles broke fall. Soffel believes the anesthetic was ad-"So now, baby darling, more precious to
ministered by his wife. He discovered, also,
me than ever, oh, God, ten times over, you
for a divorce. for a divorce.

> REPUBLICANS IN A WRANGLE Coles County Primaries Enlivened by a Free-for-All Fight.

> REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Charleston, Bl., Feb. 1.-The Republican

township primary held here this afternoon was the most hotly contested local fight ever held in Coles County. The opposing

MEN'S FURNISHING MISTAKES SHOE

Buyer's Mistakes

SLIPPERS-500 pairs of Ladles', Men's,

2.88 Belts closed out from a large Eastern transfacturer for a more song, consisting of all kinds seal and morocco leather, velvet, satin and mercerized pleated and elastific heautifully mounted with a most magnificent assortment of gold, silver, oxilized and Fronch gray, buckles, plain and some elaborately studded with turquoise emeralds, amethysis, rubies, etc.; the buckles alone are worth up to Tac; we will give

UNDERWEAR.

A TERRIFIC SLAUGHTER OF

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, worth 20c; Monday, from 8 to 10

KID GLOVE MISTAKE.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves, both hook am clasp, the \$1.00 and \$1.25 grade, in which we are overstocked, go Monday at

Ladies' 50c Heavy Fleece-lined Vests for

Big Belt Snap.

At 25c on the Dollar.

The biggest bargains this city has ever seen in Gents' Fur-nishings. This sale is planned to be a record-breaker. Assort-ments are vast! Prices at the lowest possible notch. It's safe to predict that thousands will buy for future as well as pres-

Men's White Laundered Shirts, made of pure linen bosoms, never sold for less than \$1.00; in this sale. 50c Men's fine all-wool FLAN-NEL SHIRTS good, full-size cut, gathered back and extra well made, in plain and fancy striped, worth \$2.56; A9c Men's and Boys too Jersey Gloves, your choice Monday while they

25c Suspenders—Good elastic Suspenders, patent wire buckles, in this

The finest we carry in MEN'S UNDERWEAR, in single and double breasted, natural wool, camel's hair and medicated scarlet, also silk and wool and (Way's) fine all-wool goods, your choice. 98c 25c

SOCKS-All-wool camel's-hair Socks, the Ec kind; in this sale Monday. 9c CAPS-Boys' double-band Golf and Polo Caps, 2c value, Monday, while they just.

CORSET MISTAKES.

A big bargain in Corsets, Some sample Corsets, worth 11.25, at 59c; F. C. straight-front Corsets at 49c; many good 11.00 Corsets, slightly solled, while they hast. DRESSING SACQUES - Our | PETTICOATS-Ladies'colored

alds, nearthysis, rubles, etc.; the buckles alone are worth up to 75c; we will give you a grand feast

Monday.

15c and 11c big clearing sale of Sacques, We will place on sale Monday three great clearing-sale bar-gains: Elderdown Sacques, elightly solied, regular value, 39 Flannelette Sacques, trimmed, regularly sold at &c. for.... duced to ... 256

KNITTED SKIRTS-Ladles CHILDREN Knitted Skirts, in assorted colors, some with border; regular value 256

SL.25; Monday ... 256

Gover at ... COLUMN COLUM

and black Petticoats some with deep flounce, edged with three small ruffles; others with deep corded flounce; all big bargains; worth up to CHILDREN'S CAPS - Clear-.3c CHILDREN'S FLANNEL-ETTE SKIRTS in dainty col-ors; silk embroidered; worth

INFANTS' CLOAK MISTAKES.

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Are likely to happen to any one. Being overstocked wit's Blankets, Comforts, Outing Flannels, Fleece-Lined Flannels, Ticking Denims, Ginghams, Calicocs, Muslin, etc., which has been shipped to us by the mills too late in the season, which means a big cut in prices, Our loss your gain. Be on hand early Monday morning.

Ticking, in fancy blue stripes, worth 1212c, sale price, yard...... 5c SKIRTS-50 dozen Flannelette Skirts, trimmed with shell stitching, would be trimmed with shell a bargain at 25c—

FLEECE-LINED FLANNELETTES-

Blankets, good size and weight, regular

ALL-WOOL BLANKETS-5 cases of All-Wool Hed Blankets, large size, in gray, white and red, black checked, actual value \$4.90 per pale— 1.95 cotton Batting, full weight, regular price Pice-Sale price, from \$ to 10. PERCALE—10,000 yards of yard-wide Percale, large assortment of wrapper patterns, regular 12½c quality. 5c

worth 5c, mistake sale price, 8 to 10, each..... 8 to 10, each.

TOWELING—50 pleces Checked Glass
Toweling, worth 5c, mistake
sale price, 8 to 10, yard.

15c SUSPENDERS, 5c—Good Elastic
Suspenders, patient wire buckles and
Wilson side buckle—worth 25o—Monday, from 8 to 10,
in basement.

5c per pair, in basement

in basement to 10.

HOSE-Children's Fast Black Seamless Hose, worth 15c-Monday, from 8 to 10, per pair, in ... 2c CAMBRIC MUSLIN—Remnants of extra fine Cambric, pari wide, postively worth 15c yard—Monday.

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In basement, per yard

BOTH THE BIDDLES DIE FROM WOUNDS.

A good strong \$2.00 98c

A full size Mattress. 98c with good tick, for... 98c For this \$3.00 Cobbler Seat Rocker.

39c for fine Feather Pil-lows that were 75c.

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Wounded Convict Who Appeared to Have Best Chance for Life Is the First to Succumb.

MRS. SOFFEL HAS PNEUMONIA.

All Three Had Agreed, According to One Statement, That They Would Commit Suicide Rather Than Be Caught.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 1.-Both the Biddle brothers, who escaped from the Pittsburg iail last Thursday by the aid of Mrs. Kate Soffel, and were wounded in a desperate hattle with officers in this county wester

day, are dead from their wounds. John Biddle, who appeared to have the best chance for life, died first, at 7:25 tonight. His brother died at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Soffel developed symptoms of pneumonia this afternoon after having come safely through an operation this morning for the extraction of the bullet. She is the only one of the trio who has any The death of John Biddle was caused by the bullet wounds in his abdomen and

bladder. Early in the day the physicians thought peritonitis was the principal danger in his case, but to-night internal hemorrhages set in, and the man bled to death As long as he was able John was extremely talkative, and was at times boast-

ful. But as soon as the shadow of death began to fall upon him he became reper-tant. Dying Convict Is Penitent. "I know," said he, "that my time here is

short, and you can say for me that I am

Christian and will die a sincere believer in God, and hope I will have strength enough to say so at the last. I know I have taken part in many wrong deeds, but I have never killed any man, and was never implicated with any one who did. I wish I could see Mrs. Kahney. I would tell her the truth about the killing of her husband. This life has been pretty touch to me, and the end cannot come too quick and I don't care how."

A sister of the Biddles arrived in town this evening, and was admitted to the jail,

but Edward was unable to recognize her. No Clash Between Officials.

removal of the Biddles to Allegheny County in the event of either or both surviving their injuries. The contention was raised that since the Biddles were under arrest here for felonious shooting, they could not be removed. District Attorney John H. Henninger dispelled any doubts on that point this evening by stating that it was the in-tention to turn the men over to the Allegheny authorities as soon as they were in condition to be moved with safety, and that the same action would be taken with refer-ence to Mrs. Soffel. District Attorney John C. Haymaker, Assistant District Attorney John S. Robb and County Detective Robert G. Robinson of Allegheny County arrived here at noon to-day, and at 2 o'clock were In conference with the county authorities, when an understanding was reached with reference to the disposition of the prisoners.

Mrs. Soffel Remains at Butler. After a consultation at the hospital in the case of Mrs. Soffel this evening, District Attorney Haymaker decided to allow the woman to remain here, as her condition is such that the trip to Pittsburg to-night might be attended with fatal results. Mrs. Soffel is suffering considerably from her wound, and the attending physicians fear that her removal now would cause gan-grene to set in.

Attorney Haymaker said there would be no decision made of the prize money until the claims of the Butler people had been heard. The excitement was unabated to-day and a dense crowd of people hung about the jail doors all day trying to get in to see the two criminals. The most persistent of the crowd were women, many of whom expressed the deepest concern and sympathy for Ed Biddle and declared their belief in his innocence. This belief seemed to deepen when it became known that Ed Biddle made a deathbed confession to Rev-erend Father Walsh of this place last night, declaring his innocence of the crime of shooting Groceryman Kahney and De-One of the sensational developments of the day, which the authorities have tried

to keep secret, was the finding on the per-son of Mra Soffel, when searched at the hospital, a leng letter from Edward Bid-dle, setting forth in detail the plan for the escape of the brothers from Jail. Letter to His Prison Sweetheart.

This letter is full of endearing terms and protestations of affection. It says, in part:
"My Precious Little Darling:
"I guess I never will be able to kiss you od by. Oh, God, pet, don't think that the blow is all on you. I love you, dearest baby, more to-day than ever before. Each minute to-day has been like an hour to me. You are dearer to me than my very

"I will own up and tell you the truth. The principal subject of conversation on When I first started writing to you I did not love you. Now I have learned to love Butler County authorities would permit the | you better than my very life. What I want to say is this:
"We were searched pretty close to-day
and these fellows would swear on a stack
of Bibles ten feet high that we could not

have had this stuff on us since Saturday. So that you nearly clear yourself of all sus-picion, without the fellow where you bought the saws would come to the surface. They never could convict you, but some people might suspert you. That would cut no figure. They never could prove it to

are free to do as you please.

Tells Woman What to Do.

"It would be, of course, darling, safer for you to stay at home until I could come to

you. Of course, it would be risking my free dem and life again to do so, but I would risk more than that for you, if possible. You must not think I don't love you. If you have any reason, as I know you have, you have any reason, as I know you have, you must not fail to see that I have risked all that you have given me right back for you, to screen and protect you. Yes, darling, if I did not love you as dear as life. I would have left this place last Friday night. So, darling, you know and must understand that your Ed is true to his toenails. I never

would have left this place last Friday night. So, darling, you know and must understand that your Ed is true to his toenails. I never will do you wrong.

"It would be much easier for us to get away if you stayed at home, on acount of the warden you know. In case you should not want to go, go to the post office at Homestend about March 18 and call for mail under the name of Mrs. Charles W. McDonald. You will get a letter telling you where I am and how I am to get you. I want you to suit yourself in this matter, my own darling, but I would rather you go to-morrow, just as I nave directed."

ever held in Coles County. The opposing factions spent the entire week holding meetings, issuing circulars and lining up meetings, issuing circulars to-morrow, just as I have directed."

Biddle then accuses her of running around

Biddle then accuses her of running around with another man to the theater and other places and tells her that this conduct is breaking his heart, but adds: "Just the same, I am yours, yours only."

Says They Promised to Die Together. At daybreak 10-day Jack Biddle made a statement in which he told of their movements from the time they escaped from jail until all three were retaken. All had agreed was unmarried.

KHIIed by Falling Slate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Statunton, Ill., Feb. 1.—Joseph Marches, an Italian miner of good family, was killed by falling Slate.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Statunton, Ill., Feb. 1.—Joseph Marches, an Italian miner of good family, was killed by Falling Slate. Killed by Falling Slate.

ASK TO BE SAVED FROM HIMSELF.

James Rollins Bingham, Son of the Late General Bingham, Arrested in Dallas, Tex.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 1.-James Rollins Bingham was arrested to-day in Dallas, Tex., under forgery indictments returned by a Jackson County Grand Jury eleven years ago. Bingham is the son of General Fremont Bingham, painter of "Order No. 11," and belonging to one of the best families in Missouri. All the alleged forgeries are said to have involved his mother's estate, and aggregated some \$29,000. Until the moment of his departure, Rollins Bingham was one of the most popular society men in Kansas City. He had entree everywhere, and through his father's family was received by the old families in St. Louis and Kentucky, where the Binghams came from.

Bingham was apprehended on his own request. A week ago he notified the Prosecuting Attorney that he was tired of evading justice, pleaded a restless heart, loss of all interest in life, and urged: "Whatever you do, do quickly, to save me from myself," hinting at self-destruction. While, at the time of Bingham's disappearance there was general hue and cry, no one felt resentment.

His mether, the victim of his forgeries bravely asserted, "There are no forgeries," though she died a month afterwards too soon for her to make good the dishonest; of her son. General Bingham's Picture

General Bingham, father of the self-conessed forger, was, a Union man, but he became enraged when Ewing issued his eviction order No. 11, applying to Jackson, Cass. Benton and part of Vernon counties Finding protest in vain, General Bingham told Ewing he "would make him famous, and followed this by painting "Order No. 11." This showed homes burning, men bleeding, women and children weeping and

soldiers looting Missouri homes. Not content with painting the picture, the determined man sent it to Europe, had it engraved, imported 100,000 copies and dis-tributed them. Ewing's diagrace was com-

piete. The son of this man turned out a forger, and ten years afterwards begs to "be permitted to return to Missourt, to take his punishment like a man." In his letter Bingham says he committed the forgeries to save his mother from losing her prop-

HELD FOR ARKANSAS POLICE. Russell Ostrom Charged With Embezzlement.

bezzlement.

Russell Ostrom, a traveling auditor for the Cudahy Packing Company of Omaha, Neb., was arrested yesterday afternoon at Breadway and Pine streets by Detective John Gaffney, and is held at the Four Courts, awaiting the arrival of an officer from Fort Smith, Ark.

The arrest was made on a telegram from John Fuller, Chief of Police of Fort Smith, which stated that Ostrom was wanted there on a charge of embezziing \$900 from the office of the Cudahy company at Fort Smith. Ostrom refused last night to make a statement concerning the charge on which he was held, He said that he had been having a good time for several weeks, and had spent considerable money. He said he pawned his overcont shortly before being arrested. A little over a dollar in small change was all the money he had in his possession.

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Cared of Piles. Saved From Knife.

Mrs. Aaron Medron of Savannah. Ga-writes: "Ever since the birth of my first child, six years ago, I have suffered greatly from piles. I could not bring myself to bear the thoughts of a surgical operation. Pyra-mid Pile Cure entirely cured me." For sale by all druggies. "Piles, Causes and Cure" mailed free. Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich.